

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
MAPLE-STEELE JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
OCTOBER 13, 2015

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District met on October 13, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Jurgen Suhr, Chairman; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; and Chris McShane, Attorney for the Board. Participating by phone were Rodger Olson and Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Josh Ihry, Tor Bergstrom and Greg Thykeson, Steele County Water Resource District; Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; and Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board.

**Upper Maple River Dam – right of way**

Chris McShane updated the Board on the mediation yesterday regarding the Ralph and Cleo Thompson Farm, LLP property regarding the Upper Maple River Dam. At the conclusion of negotiations, Chairman Suhr and Mr. McShane indicated they would present the proposed resolution to the Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District Board for consideration. Upon further discussion and evaluation of options, it was moved by Manager Olson and seconded by Manager Ihry to pay \$300,000 to Ralph and Cleo Thompson Farm, LLLP to completely settle and dismiss the case regarding the *Right of Way Easement* for property needed to construct the Upper Maple River Dam. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McShane will notify the Thompson's attorney of the action taken by the Board and will pursue getting the *Right of Way Easement* signed and the case dismissed. He believes everything should take place within a week.

The Board agreed to delay any consideration of adjustment in compensation for other pasture land needed for the project.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business for the Board to consider, it was moved by Manager Melvin, seconded by Manager Ihry and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Jurgen Suhr  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer